

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

3rd Congressional District

Every year, the state of Washington receives about \$8.77 million in funding from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG). Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties receive about \$620,000 of this funding to improve the health and lives of pregnant and reproductive-age women, infants, children, and adolescents, including children and youth with special healthcare needs.

In 2014, MCHBG funds directly benefited more than 14,000 pregnant women, approximately 87,000 newborns, more than 7,700 children with special health care needs, and more than 46,000 other children, adolescents, and adults statewide.

The MCHBG supports work in the 3rd Congressional District

Clark County

- Support a specially trained nurse to work with 37 low-income families to teach positive early parenting techniques, make sure that the mothers are engaging in school or work to become self-sufficient, and to provide family supports, such as job training and fatherhood groups.
- Coordinate care for families of 182 children with special health care needs.

Cowlitz County

- Train 30 pediatricians, nurses, and medical assistants to do Universal Developmental Screening—a screening that helps to identify autism and developmental conditions in children.

Klickitat County

- Help children participate in the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program.

Pacific County

- Build community knowledge about how adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) affect health in adulthood across the county and help other agencies ensure that their providers understand and recognize signs of trauma.

Skamania County

- Bring awareness to adverse childhood experiences by hosting a screening of the documentary *Paper Tigers* with a panel discussion.

Wahkiakum County

- Collaborate with schools and a local community action network to teach the community more about adverse childhood experiences and protective factors.



For more information about how the department uses these important funds, contact:

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